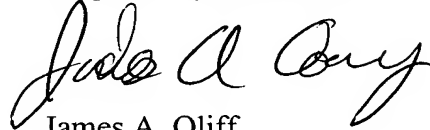


**REMARKS**

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to include continuing information of the parent application. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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